

Church Council Notes - June 28, 2021

Opening words: Cathy Rauch read the Mission Statement and Covenant

Check-in

Discussion of first principle-We affirm and promote the inherent dignity and worth of every human being.

Cluster Coordinators were asked to take this to their committees and ask them how their committee work supports this Principle in activities and process.

Report from Policy board representative-Steve Wilke, Policy Board VP

The Board is looking at Welcoming as a general theme. Being authentically welcoming to one another, looking at our facility for its welcoming aspects, and looking at the website.

Committee on Ministry has come up with the idea of having different committees, covenant groups, etc to serve coffee during the coffee hour.

Mini-retreat with Board and Council on July 12th.

Report from Minister: Rev. Kim (absent due to vacation)

Reports from Cluster Chairs:

Social Responsibility and Outreach Cluster-Lisa Ross

She is working on scheduling meetings with each of the chairs.

Social Responsibility is planning a speaker on human trafficking and will be working on Designated Collections.

First Church Community Fund is adding marginalized groups as one of their focus areas (in addition to hunger and homelessness). Let Rosemary Lawton know if you have suggestions of organizations to receive grant information.

Toward Justice is working on educational offerings. Want to have a speaker on what Defund the Police means and on having difficult conversations and a follow-up to the ARREST program..

They are holding weekly social witnessing.

Welcoming Congregations is inactive.

Stewardship Cluster-Steve Smidowicz

Coming to the end of the fiscal year so don't have final figures yet. We will probably have about a \$30,000 surplus which is being plugged into the next fiscal year budget.

Facilities cluster-Clint Cruse

Many projects are underway.

Plumbing - repairs will be done to the isolated area in the preschool room on July 9th. Will be putting in a shut off valve in that room so if it continues we can shut off the water just in that room.

Chapel floor will be refinished and walls repainted.

Replacing the furniture in Fellowship Hall.

Jane Hoekelman has cleaned out much of the building and the boiler room.

Gardening Days have been held on a regular basis.

Discussion about the Little Free Pantry. Canned goods left in there for a while should be taken to Trinity Food Pantry.

We are looking at cleaning services in order to resume a contract with a new company.

Covid Task Force is meeting soon.

Hybrid Ministry/Live Streaming project is well underway. A bid has been approved and funding is in place.

Sue Herzberg reported on the play space. It is on hold since the City has decided that we need a permit from the Cultural Resource Office. We should receive this soon.

Programming Cluster- Sue Herzberg

Worship is focused on getting Summer Services in place.

RE is working on the transition to Claire W. for Summer RE. Outdoor classes are being held.

RE is developing a search process for a permanent position.

ERDE has not been active. Planning to have a Fall Equinox service.

Growth and Engagement Cluster-Erin Milligan

Alliance is meeting weekly on zoom.

Care & Concerns delivered flowering plants to people on their list in May.

Crouch Film Group is meeting monthly.

Erin Milligan has been attending the Committee on Ministry meetings as chair of the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee is low on members and struggling to keep up with all of their work.

Circle Supper sign-ups have been completed and about 30 people have signed up.

Norma Vogelweid is doing new member write ups.

General discussion on how to organize the work of the Membership Committee and support doing various tasks.

Would like for the Board to address the issue of a virtual membership book and what would virtual membership look like.

Old Business

New Business

Review church calendar

The Church Calendar with major events was shared with the Council.

Closing Words and Adjournment